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Masevaux / Technical High School (Lycée)

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

As a result of the opening of a European section (class taught in English) for the professional baccalaureate electro-technology course, a partnership and an ambitious project are being developed between our technical high school and an American high school.

World language instruction and international exchanges are assets for students, including those in the technical fields. Olivier Leclercq, electro-technology teacher at the J.-Vogt high school in Masevaux, is well aware of this fact.

An ambitious joint project

Olivier Leclercq submitted his proposal for a partnership between our technical highschool in Masevaux and an American partner school to the Academy of Strasbourg's Academic Office for European and International Relations and Vollarations, which facilitates partnerships between schools in France and international partner schools. The Academy of Strasbourg rectory proposed a formal exchange agreement with Greenfield Central High School in the state of Indiana, United States of America.

The initial contact took place via a videoconference between the schools in May, 2009 and Olivier Lerclercq followed up with a visit to the U.S. this October. He was received by his American partner, Mark Holzhausen, with whom he brainstormed a wonderful joint project to develop over time: assist senior citizens in their quest to live independently in their own homes thanks to new communication and IP technologies.

Despite its newness, Olivier Leclercq is inspired and sees in this project a multi-disciplinary project- based learning effort that will engage all of the technical high school's curricular areas and classes.